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Application Number	09/980,816
Filing Date	October 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	Nobuo SHIRAISHI et al.
Art Unit	3721
Examiner Name	Louis K. Huynh
Attorney Docket Number	81833.0031

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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## 2. Miscellaneous

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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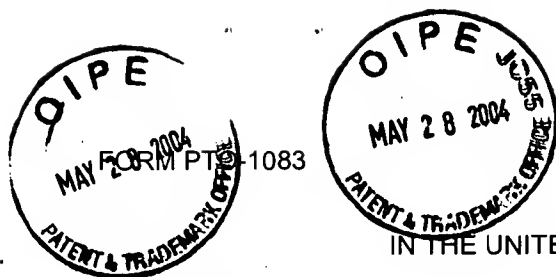
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Attorney Docket No. 81833.0031  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Nobua Shiraishi et al.

Serial No: 09/980,816

Filed: February 5, 2002

For: COSMETIC MATERIAL SHEET AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURE OF THE SHEET AND APPARATUS  
FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE

Art Unit: 3721

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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